

Southwest Utah Public Health Department
Southwest Utah Board of Health
105 N 100 E, Rooms 5 & 6, Cedar City
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Commissioner Gil Almquist.....Washington County
Commissioner Jerry Taylor.....Garfield County
Commissioner Paul Cozzens.....Iron County
Commissioner Celeste Meyeres Kane County
Mr. Nick Reynolds.....Garfield County
Mr. Scott Symond.....Beaver County
Mr. Kent Peterson.....Iron County
Dr. Kenneth Snow.....Washington County

Members Not Present:

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead.....Beaver County

Others Present:

Dr. David W. Blodgett, Director/Health Office.....SWUPHD
Mr. Jeff Shumway, Business Manager.....SWUPHD
Mr. Brandon Ray, HR Director.....SWUPHD
Ms. Katherine Soto, Administrative Assistant.....SWUPHD

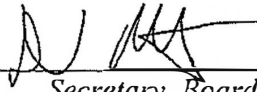
Commissioner Cozzens called the meeting to order at **10:00 a.m.**

Minutes Approval	Commissioner Almquist made a motion to accept the minutes from DECEMBER 2023 . Mr. Symond seconded the motion. Motion carried.
New Board Members, Chair, Co-Chair <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	2024 New Chair: Commissioner Paul Cozzens 2024 Co-Chair: Commissioner Meyeres Commissioner Taylor made a motion to take action on new positions. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Financial Update <i>by Jeff Shumway</i>	A Revenue and Expense Financial Report was shared with Board Members. The Report showed that with 8% of the year complete, the department had received 9% of expected revenues, and spent 8.5% of budgeted expenditures. Commissioner Cozzens made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Symond seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session to consider evaluation of an employee <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Commissioner Meyeres made a motion to go into a Closed Session for the purpose to consider evaluation of an employee. Dr. Snow seconded the motion.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the closed session for personnel matters. It was decided to proceed with the closed session, with the presence of necessary staff members and relevant individuals.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded to enter into a closed session, which was unanimously approved.</p>
Legislative Issues <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Commissioner Meyeres made a motion to go back into open meeting. Commissioner Almquist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>A range of legislative matters were discussed, including bills related to air quality, tobacco enforcement, and education surveys, including one concerning the behavior risk assessment and tobacco assessment surveys conducted among students. Concerns were raised about potential implications and challenges in data collection if parental consent is required for such surveys.</p>
Other Business Meeting Schedule <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Approval of MRC</p> <p>An update was given on the Medical Reserve Corps, highlighting its importance and the process of vetting and approving members. Concerns were raised regarding the collection of demographic data and the potential legal implications.</p> <p>County Commissioners signed off on their counties' MRC roster.</p>
Presentation <i>by Dr. Blodgett</i>	<p>Discussed the risks of tuberculosis (TB) and related medical protocols, particularly in low-risk countries like New Zealand. Clarifications were sought regarding medical procedures for missionaries returning from high-risk countries.</p> <p>Presented data on infectious diseases, including flu and COVID-19 trends. Comparisons were drawn between mortality rates and healthcare responses during different disease outbreaks.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the societal impact and policy responses to infectious diseases, highlighting the need for informed decision-making and proactive healthcare strategies.</p> <p>The discussion then shifted to sleep health, including trends in sleep tourism and the prevalence of melatonin use among children.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Commissioner Cozzens made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Meyeres seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>



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Secretary, Board of Health

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